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**Ravalli County Commissioners**

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Dear Ravalli County Commissioners,

Congratulations and a warm welcome to the three new Ravalli County Commissioners. All of you are aware of the health problems in wild and domestic animal species on which several Ravalli County residents have been recording observations, collecting data and doing research for several years.

I would like to invite any Ravalli County Commissioner who is skeptical concerning the extent of the malformation problems in wild and domestic animals, to come to my home to examine the evidence we have collected. Evidence includes specimens, photos and data that we have collected the last 10 years concerning bone malformations, reproductive malformations, heart malformations and other less common malformations on multiple species of wild and domestic bird and mammal species in Ravalli County. If anyone has doubts as to the severity of the problem, seeing the many photos and specimens should convince you that the problem is serious and alarming in scope.

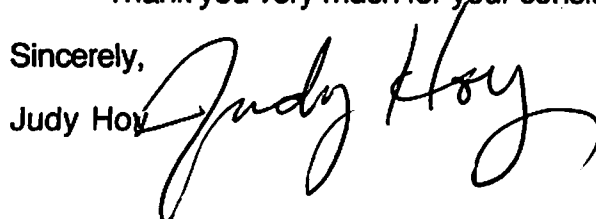
The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and EPA have a responsibility to monitor and mitigate threats to wild animal populations. The Montana and U. S. Departments of Agriculture have similar responsibility concerning domestic species. Many people depend on wild and domestic ungulates, the animals most affected, for food for their families and on raising domestic ungulates to earn a living. Whatever is causing the health problems in the animal populations is likely adversely affecting humans, based on the data from doctors that say that cancer and heart problems, as well as autoimmune disorders such as diabetes, autism, obesity, osteoporosis, rheumatoid arthritis and others have doubled or tripled in number per capita since 1994. Some more sensitive wildlife species like amphibians and fish began having die-offs and malformations in the young hatched in the summer of 1994 and the next spring, 1995, the young of multiple wild and domestic mammal and bird species began having the above listed malformations, continuing, and in some species escalating in incidence (some over 50% now) to present. County Commissioner's are elected to "protect the health, welfare and property of the citizens of Ravalli County." We should all be concerned for the health and welfare of the wild critters. Domestic animals are the "property" of Ravalli County citizens, thus should be of concern. Most important is the health and welfare of the children, especially fetuses and newborns.

A very well known scientist who is an expert on the effects of dioxin, PCB and organochlorine exposure and two graduate students are willing to do studies to attempt to determine what is causing the malformations. Her name is Diane Henshel, e-mail <dhenshel@indiana.edu>. Her address is Indiana University, 1315 E 10th #340, Bloomington, IN 47405. It would be extremely helpful toward their obtaining funding for this project, if the Ravalli County Board Commissioners would send Diane an official letter of support for their study. I would be happy to pay the cost of sending a registered letter, since in the past, the cost of doing something about these serious health problems has been stated as the reason for doing nothing.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Judy Hoy



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